

Minutes IC Meeting March 15, 2018

Meeting attendance: Annette Acevedo, Celia Banks, Jen Bury, Alicia Cabrera, Sandra Citron, Carl Draeger, Gina Crespo, Angie Ernst, Maryellyn Friel, Joyce Gronewold, Erin Hargadon, Ramiro Juarez, Joyce Juenger, Jennifer Misek, Gina Pelletiere, Lisa Rabe, Lori Rosengarten, Nicole Senn, Brigid Trimble, Jennifer Williamson, Mary Wojtczak

Absent: Laura Alegria, Lourdes Baker, Sara Elwood, Sherri Hope, Lisa Hopp, Veronica Ryan, Farrah Stephen

Guests/Observers:

February Minutes: Motion to approve. Approved. 19 approved, none opposed, and 1 abstained.

Action Item:

None

Initial Presentations

9th Grade Artes de Lenguaje (ALE)

- Viewed presentation on 9th grade Artes de Lenguaje.
- ALE compliments the ELA frameworks. It is a continuation from the K-6 curriculum.
- All of the units were created in Spanish and were then translated into English.
- The standards have to compliment the ELA curriculum not replicate.
- 4 days of PD, starting in June and an August DCD day.

Questions:

- Is the AP Spanish Language not a DL class? No, it is not.
- The theme for the entire year is advocacy and leadership? How will the students prepare for the 6 themes on the AP language exam?
 - Many of the concepts are embedded in the curriculum.
- Will classrooms be blended with dual students and newcomers?
 - Yes.
- This curriculum compliments ELA what do you mean by that?
 - When we use the word compliment we mean add too. We don't want it to be the same
- Will the materials be available online?
 - Some of the materials are available online.
- What about SPED DL, we are struggling with getting them the materials that they need.
 - We are in contact with Specialized student services.

Discussion:

- What is the rigor of the materials that will be in the classrooms?
 - The materials that we asked for were grade level materials. They could be used more for research.
- Was readability and text complexity part of the criteria?
 - Yes, it was.

Informational Updates

MTSS

- Council received an update on the MTSS workgroups.

Questions:

- Who does the progress monitoring for students with IEP, who does that?
 - If they have an active IEP it would be the IEP teacher, if it is just for speech then it would be the classroom teacher.
- Is there an expectation for Kindergarten intervention in math?
 - No.
- Are there early childhood teachers on the committee?
 - No, there is one in the workgroup.
- With the emphasis on MTSS and the ALE presentation, has there been any conversation to examine the elementary general education core curriculum?
 - Yes. A call to committee will be coming out soon to look at that.
- Why are Tier 2 and Tier 3 split in HS?
 - Our HS have a lot more kids and they have to be effective and efficient.
- Why do only certain elementary schools have MTSS leads?
 - Those schools were the targeted group.
- Can PIT be brought into the MTSS discussion?
 - We can have future conversations, but this has currently not been part of the conversations.
- Are all schools doing the same interventions?
 - We are for the most part the most uniform we have been.
- Are you allowing some flexibility?
 - Our goal is to have all the same interventions in English and in Spanish.

Dual Language High School Follow up

- Council received a follow up on staffing implications, when DL is rolled up to high school.
- With our initial staffing we are looking for 16 DL teachers, but that is overall district wide not just at the high school level.

Questions:

- Will Biology classes be capped at a lower number?
 - It depends on the high school and their Biology classroom structure.
- Could some of the Dual Language openings be filled by a current U-46 teacher?
 - Yes. If they are moving from a Gen Ed classroom to a DL classroom.
- Would the DL positions be posted?
 - Yes. Everything is posted and everyone has to apply online.

Review of Discovery Corps PD

- Council viewed presentation of Discovery Corps PD.
- 60 teachers across the district will be participating.
- Teacher PD consists of a 3 year plan.
- There will be 5 core learning days and 10 instructional support days and ongoing virtual support.

- Administrators will receive 2 core learning days of training.

Questions:

- This is at the high school level?
 - Yes.
- How are teachers going to be selected?
 - There will be a call to committee and we will come up with a selection process.
- Can this be offered to all teachers?
 - We would love to, but aren't able to, but all teachers will have PD around technology.
- Did this PD vision come from the teachers or was it from the top down?
 - This really did start with the teachers.
- Is this model sustainable? A lot of the time teachers leave and then there isn't anyone in the building available to train.
 - We will want to find teachers who are in this for the long haul.
- How can elementary buildings benefit from this PD?
 - We are going to start at the HS level, as it rolls down we will consider doing something similar with the elementary schools.
- Are teachers getting release time?
 - They will get time to do the PD.
- What will the learning labs look like?
 - A learning lab is a model classroom. Any person from the district can come in and see what the interaction is.

Other

18-19 IC meeting dates

- Reviewed dates for the 18-19 school year.

RENZ Curriculum

- Council moved into groups and reviewed chapters from the RENZ curriculum.

Discussion:

- It seems this curriculum goes against everything ACE stands for.
- This was written by clinicians not educators. This is not for everybody.
- If we are concerned with some of the items in the document, we will probably have a problem with some of the PowerPoints, which are referenced.
- Some of this material is already addressed in the Health classroom.
- Should there be a parental permission slip? Some parents would not like this to be shared with their children.

Summary Statements

The Instructional Council received a follow up to the DL roll up from Melanie Meidel. She will return to give a staffing overview at the April meeting.

The Instructional Council received an update on the Discovery Corps professional development proposal.

The Instructional Council heard a proposal for 9th grade ALE.

The Instructional Council approved the 18-19 IC meeting dates.

The Instructional Council received an update on MTSS.

The Instructional Council reviewed the RENZ curriculum and gave feedback.